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Mr. SPEAKER :—" There is no answer by the Hon. Minister. The hon. Member Sri R. V. Swaminathan may now put his question."

Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether he will consult the Members of this House belonging to the Backward Classes before sending the reply to the questionnaire, so that they can also give valuable suggestions? " 10-50 a.m.

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The questionnaire has been sent not only to the Government but also to various organizations of the Backward communities and social workers."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the existence of a committee known as the Backward Classes Advisory Committee composed of the Members of this Legislature, will the Government be pleased to place the questionnaire before the Committee before preparing the answer and take its views and send them to the Government of India? Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to let me know when the Commission is visiting Madras? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The reply to the questionnaire is already overdue. The Government will have no objection to place the answer before the Backward Classes Advisory Committee at its next meeting."

Sri M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" From the reply of the Hon. Minister that the preparation of the answer has almost reached the final stage, it appears that the Government have come to conclusions on the various points raised in the questionnaire. May I know what the conclusion of the Government is on the condition of the Backward Classes which is far from satisfactory? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The Commission has not asked for our opinion. They have asked for certain facts and figures and they are not intended for discussion and argument publicly."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" To-morrow we are going to take up the Demand relating to Harijans and Backward Classes. I pass on to the next question."

Census of land holdings.

* 322 Q.—Sri S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether this State has received directions from the Central Ministry of Food and Agriculture to undertake a census of land holdings by this State immediately and if so, what the reasons and aims therefor are?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. The main object of the Government of India in asking State Governments to undertake a census of land holdings seems to be to gather information regarding the distribution and

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size of holdings, the area held by tenants and the area held by owners under personal cultivation and extent of uncultivated and cultivated land under different classes. Adequate information is not now available regarding these points and the information on these points will be of importance.''

Sri S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" இந்தக் கணக்கெடுப்பு வேலையை ரெவினியூ அதிகாரிகளிடம் ஒப்படைப்பார்களா அல்லது தனிப்பட்ட அதிகாரி களை நியமித்து அவர்களிடம் ஒப்படைப்பார்களா ? ஜில்லாவாரியாக இந்தக் கணக்கெடுபபு வேலையை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுவார்களா என்று தெரிந்து கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' An Assistant Secretary of the Revenue Department will be at the head of this work. Naturally the Revenue officials will assist him. The sample census will be taken in about half a dozen districts including Malabar and South Kanara.''

Halting of mail trains at Pantalayini Railway Station, North Malabar.

* 323 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether this Government have recommended to the Central Government to halt mail trains at Pantalayini Railway Station, North Malabar?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' The answer is in the negative.''

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—'' In view of the fact that Quilandy is a most important industrial area in North Malabar, will the Government be pleased to recommend to the Central Government to halt the mail trains at Pantalayini Railway Station? ''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' There are no papers with this Government regarding this question. The Collector of Malabar has reported that no request was made to him but that a deputation led by one Sri Subramania Ayyar waited on the Hon. Minister for Railways in the Central Government during his last visit and urged this point. This is an operational matter which the Railway Administration should decide, taking the interests of the passengers as a whole. Therefore, I submit that it is beyond the competence of this Government.''

Pay of elementary grade teachers possessing technical certificate in weaving.

* 324 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the pay of an elementary grade teacher possessing technical certificate for weaving, when working in—

(i) high schools; and

(ii) higher elementary schools?